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UNITED STATES ATTORNEY DIBIAGIO TO RETURN TO PRIVATE LAW PRACTICE

Thomas M. DiBiagio, United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, announced today that he will be stepping down and returning to the private practice of law early next year.

"I am extremely grateful to the President for giving me the opportunity to serve as the United States Attorney for Maryland. It has been an eventful and successful three years, marked by numerous achievements and accomplishment of the goals I set for the office. This office has an outstanding record of prosecuting significant cases involving public corruption, white collar crime, violent criminal organizations, international drug trafficking, and child exploitation. I have hired two dozen highly qualified lawyers, the best of the best, and they are aggressively investigating and prosecuting these cases side by side with the outstanding veteran lawyers of the office. We have relentlessly pursued through both criminal and civil sanctions those who would cheat the Government and the taxpayers. In the aftermath of the tragic events of September 11, 2001, we have established one of the leading anti-terrorism programs in the country. I have strived to obtain justice for all, without fear or favor. However, after three years, it is apparent that it is in the best interest of my family for me to step down and return to the career in the private sector that I put on hold when I was asked to serve as United States Attorney."